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1. WITH THOMAS CASE OUT OF THE WAY I AM NOW SEEKING
APPOINTMENT WITH MFA TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION CON-
TAINED REFTEL.

2. FAVORABLE ENDING TO THOMAS CASE PROVIDES SLIGHTLY
BETTER ATMOSPHERE AT LEAST FROM OUR STANDPOINT FOR
DISCUSSIONS. WE SPECULATE THAT THIS WAS AIM OF
QADHAFI IN MOVING QUICKLY TO ELIMINATE THIS
IRRITANT FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP. QADHAFI NO DOUBT
REASONED THAT THIS WAS CHEAP WAY TO MAKE SLIGHT GESTURE
TOWARD U.S. ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION FOR TERMINATION
LONG STANDING PROBLEM PROBABLY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH
QADHAFI'S CONCEPT ARAB HONOR (I.E. A GUEST IN HIS TENT
PETITIONED FOR A FAVOR WHICH HE FELT OBLIGED TO GRANT).

3. BE THAT AS IT MAY, EXPECT LARG WILL BE HOPEFUL
OF MORE FORTHCOMING US ATTITUDE ON ITS REQUESTS.
CERTAINLY THEY WILL PRESS FOR RESPONSE ON LOCKHEED
INFORMATION. THOUGH UNLIKELY THAT I WILL RECEIVE
APPOINTMENT UNTIL MIDDLE OR END OF NEXT WEEK
WOULD HOPE TO HAVE PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE ON SUBJECT.
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